

NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 190
15 February 1955

1. The following were present:

Mr. Clinton
Mr. Kain
Colonel Picknell
Colonel Smith
Major Jacobson
Captain Moore
Lieut. Madden
Colonel Hausman
Major Malone
Major Ware

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2. The Chairman announced the appointment of Colonel Richard S. Smith as the new member for Army, effective 15 February 1955. On behalf of the NIS Committee the Chairman expressed appreciation of the services of Colonel Picknell, who has been assigned to new duties outside of Washington.

3. Review of Chapter I on Poland

The Committee reviewed the final proofs for Chapter I on Poland. Certain substantive questions were referred back to the agencies for decision. Other questions were either approved by the Committee or referred to the Chapter I Task Group for necessary action. It was the consensus of the Committee that this Chapter was an improvement over previous ones, with the exception of Section 16 (Economic) which did not adequately present a concise, overall view of the economy of Poland. Certain minor changes were made in the Chapter I map including the addition of geographic name locations. The Air Force member requested that consideration be given to using the new Air Force symbols to show principal civil and military airfields on the Chapter I map.

In line with a proposal of the State member the Committee agreed that final review comments on subsequent Chapters I be prepared in two parts: (a) important substantive questions for NIS Committee action; and (b) editorial and other miscellaneous matters for Chapter I Task Group action. The Chairman requested the members to exclude from their comments any reference to typographical errors or irrelevant aspects so that the Chapter I review may be directed to fundamental questions.

The Committee approved the release of Chapter I on Poland without control statement.

4. Augmented Chapter I Production

The Chairman requested the Committee to give consideration to ways and means of augmenting Chapter I production. He indicated that the need for Chapters I was increasing among NIS users, particularly at the high command and staff levels. A preliminary examination by the Chapter I Task Group in D/B indicated that the majority of NIS high priority areas would be sufficiently completed on Chapters II to IX by the end of fiscal year 1958 to permit the production of considerably more Chapters I than presently scheduled under the NIS Production Forecast. The Chairman said he would shortly present a staff study to the Committee for consideration and as a basis for future planning leading to an increase in the rate of Chapter I production.

The informal views of the members indicated that unless NIS capabilities in the agencies were further augmented, any increase in Chapter I production under present circumstances would be at the expense of other NIS production.

5. Release of NIS to SHAPE and SACLANC

The Committee approved the coordinated recommendations for release of NIS elements to SHAPE and SACLANC (refer to NIS Committee Meeting No. 189). The Chairman will submit the list by formal memorandum to the Army member for transmittal to the Secretariat, State Defense Military Information Control Committee.

The Army member said he had received a proposal from CINCSOUTH for release of NIS to his subordinate commands on a "need-to-know" basis. The Committee held that this proposal would require an amendment to IAC-D-45/12. Before considering the proposal further, the Committee requested the Army member to determine from SHAPE whether, in addition to subject proposal, there was a general requirement for NIS below the major subordinate command level.

6. NIS Area Designations

The Chairman said that D/B had studied the proposal for geographic area treatment submitted by the Chapter II coordinator under date of 28 January 1955. Essentially, this proposal would eliminate combined area consideration of Chapter II (Military Geography), and treat all Chapters in terms of political boundaries. The Chairman recommended that this proposal be considered by a working committee along with the problem of segmented area treatment. A working committee was so designated, with representatives from State, Army, Navy and D/B, to study this matter and report their findings to the NIS Committee.


7. Miscellany

a. The Air Force member distributed copies of a proposed outline revision for Section 83 (Air Forces). The Committee will discuss the proposal at the next meeting.

b. The Chairman noted that "Key Personalities" for NIS Area 77 (Panama) had been awaiting contributor action since 5 January 1955. The State member will investigate and report the reasons for the delay in this contribution.

c. The Vice Chairman requested the members to contact him before returning excess copies of NIS to the CIA Records Center to eliminate unnecessary shipments. He said that the present system of controlled dissemination of NIS elements should largely eliminate excess stocks in the future.

8. The next meeting of the NIS Committee will be held at 1000 hours on Tuesday, 1 March 1955.

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